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MEMORANDUM FOR All Members of the Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard

SUBJECT: Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)

1. Nationally, Sexual Assault Awareness Month occurs in April and seeks to raise awareness and prevent sexual violence through use of special events and public education. This year's Department of Defense (DoD) theme is "Affects one. Hurts all." This theme focuses on the effects sexual assault has on the military's mission readiness and on the ability of every service member to prevent sexual assault by taking an active role in looking out for the welfare of friends and co-workers.

2. In Fiscal Year (FY) 09, there were a total of 3,230 reports of sexual assault involving service members, representing an 11% increase from FY08. Sexual assault is a violent crime that is devastating to the victim and a betrayal of military values. A sexual assault can reverberate throughout a unit and beyond, degrading readiness by harming the life of the victim, and the military's ability to work effectively as a team. Mission readiness defines a unit's ability to deploy quickly and efficiently, determining its competence to triumphantly deter war and protect the security of our country.

3. In conjunction with DoD's efforts, I have made this one of my top priorities. Following are the SAAM events to raise awareness and prevent sexual violence:

a. Poster campaign: All units will be receiving updated Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) materials. Each unit will display the SAPR posters in their respective armories. The posters should be placed in various areas, such as by water fountains, vending machines, and in the latrines. Brochures and other training materials will be sent to the armories, as they become available. Any extra materials will be placed in common areas throughout each armory.

b. Training:

(1) All service members must receive Sexual Assault awareness training annually to have a working knowledge of what constitutes a sexual assault, know why it is a crime, know the meaning of consent, have an awareness of how to avoid becoming a victim, and what steps to take if victimized, as well as providing appropriate responses to a victim. Service members should understand the full range of reporting options available to them.

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(2) Sexual assault awareness training will be conducted by assigned Victim Advocates. Training will be scenario based, using real-life situations to help service members understand the often complex nature of sexual assaults in the military.

(3) Our goal is to have 100% of service members trained by 30 September 2010. Beginning in April, Major Subordinate Commands will report the status of their SAPR training monthly to 1LT Misty Jobe, Oklahoma National Guard (OKNG) Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) at misty.anne.jobe@us.army.mil, utilizing the enclosed SAPR training report, no later than close of business on the 14th of each month. Leadership has the responsibility to ensure that these requirements are being met.

c. Resource table: A resource table with Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention information is set up at the front door of building 3501, Joint Force Headquarters. I encourage each unit to also set up a resource table.

d. Denim Day: April 21 is Denim day, an international protest in response to the Italian Supreme Court's overruling of a rape conviction in 1999. An Italian woman was raped, and when the case went to trial, the jury found her assailant guilty. However, the Supreme Court then overturned the ruling, saying that jeans are so difficult to remove, the assailant could not have done so without the victim's help. I have authorized the OKNG to wear jeans to work on Wednesday, 21 April 2010, in order to promote awareness. If you wear jeans, they cannot have holes in them and must be professional in appearance.

e. Run/Walk:

(1) The 552d Air Control Wing at Tinker Air Force Base (TAFB) is hosting a 5K Walk/Run on Tuesday, April 13. The event begins at 1430 at the TAFB Chapel, Bldg 5701. Col Pat Hoffman, the 552d Air Control Wing Commander, will speak.

(2) The YWCA is hosting the "2 Minute 5K" at Stars and Stripes Park on Saturday, April 17. Register at www.ywcaokc.org/2minute5k. It only takes two minutes to register. Stars and Stripes Park is located at 7398 N. Portland, Oklahoma City. Registration begins at 0800 and the 2 Minute 5K begins at 0900.

4. All leaders at every level must maintain a workplace environment that rejects sexual assault and attitudes that promote such behaviors. Leaders will create and promote a positive command climate in which victims have confidence in their chain of command to report these crimes immediately. Leaders must ensure that Guardsmen and other members of the Guard community treat sexual assault victims with dignity, fairness, and respect for their privacy.

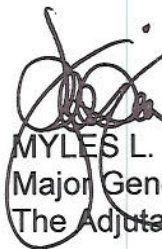
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5. There are several networks to assist victims, such as the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (405-524-0700), YWCA (405-948-1770), Military One Source (800-342-9647) or, if you are a veteran, you may call the Oklahoma City Veterans Administration Mental Health Clinic at 405-456-1000, extension 65183, and request a referral.

6. You may also contact 1LT Misty Anne Jobe, OKNG SARC, at DSN 628-5231, commercial (405) 228-5231, or mobile (405) 570-5065, misty.anne.jobe@us.army.mil.

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Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

Mandatory Annual Training

Formula: (Assigned Strength – Exempt Soldiers = Required to Train)

Note: Exempt Soldiers = Soldiers currently deployed in support of overseas contingency operations, currently at mobilization station/power projection platforms or CONUS replacement centers.

Training report due to 1LT Misty Anne Jobe, OKNG SARC, NLT COB 14th of each month.

<u>MSC</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>ASSIGNED STRENGTH</u>	<u>EXEMPT SOLDIERS</u>	<u>REQUIRED TO TRAIN</u>	<u># TRAINED</u>	<u>% TRAINED</u>

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